1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10.	Karnataka	16.81	4.91	18.20	7.47	18.77	8.36
11.	Kerala	0.35	0.27	0.29	0.23	0.24	0.19
12.	Madhya Pradesh	50.15	32.78	50.23	36.19	51.13	37.95
13.	Maharashtra	32.60	11.86	34.99	22.55	36.05	21.84
14.	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03
16.	Mizoram	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.04	0.05
17.	Nagaland	0.17	012	0.19	0.12	0.17	0.13
18.	Orissa	7.86	2.86	7.22	2.49	6.86	2.43
19.	Punjab	0.88	0.6	0.78	0.51	0.65	0.42
20.	Rajasthan	43.89	26.30	46.44	24.44	24.79	9.04
21.	Sikkim	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.09
22.	Tamil Nadu	5.92	2.38	6.37	3.04	8.55	3.64
23.	Tripura	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.08	0.04
24.	Uttar Pradesh	27.54	22.80	28.10	23.24	26.94	25.96
25.	West Bengal	2.21	1.48	2.01	1.26	2.74	2.15
26.	A &N Island	0.02	0.02	0.007	0.00	0.007	0.00
27.	Delhi	0.01	0.02	0.004	0.00	0004	0.00
28.	Others	0.11	0.63	0.10	0.07	0.09	0.07
	TOTAL	228.72	129.79	235.00	149.07	211.90	133.50

Indo-US Science and Technology Forum

*573. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and US have signed an agreement to set up an Indo-US Science and Technology Forum;

(b) if so. the main objectives of the Forum; and

(c) how the Government plan to implement these objectives ?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) An Agreement to establish the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum was concluded on March 21. 2000.

The aim of the Forum is to facilitate and promote the interaction in India and the United States of government, academia and industry in science and technology and other related areas. The main objectives of the Forum are :

- to focus on issues of common concern and activities of mutual benefit, while exploring trends in S & T
- to create a comprehensive electronic reference source for Indo-US S&T cooperation
- to promote electronic exchange and dissemination of information and opportunities in bilateral S&T cooperation
- to commission studies, reports and papers and promote Indo-US cooperation in R&D and transfer of technology
- to facilitate and promote joint collaborative projects and programmes and organize workshops, seminars, symposia, courses and training programmes
- to establish-Indo-US Centres for excellence at places in India.

To ensure that objectives of the Forum conform to highest standards of excellence, a Governing Body of eminent persons has been established with equal (seven members each) Indian and US representation. The Governing Body consists of highly respected representatives from government, industry, academia and private organizations. It provides guidance and leadership by monitoring present activities and trends in bilateral science and technology cooperation and makes recommendations and identifies priorities and directions for future cooperation. The Governing Body is empowered to constitute advisory groups or committees for specific purposes as required.

Grants to NGOs in NER through CAPART

*574. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government released Rs. 14 crores to the regional office of CAPART (NEZ), Guwahati for financial grants to various NGOs in all the eight States, including Sikkim, during the year 1999-2000;